

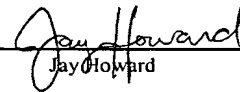


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Erin M. Defossé, et al.
Serial No.: 10/722,954
Filed: November 26, 2003
Group Art Unit: Unknown
Title: ***System, Method and Apparatus for Vending Machine
Wireless Audit and Cashless Transaction***

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of the application referenced above by Erin M. Defossé et al. entitled ***System, Method and Apparatus for Vending Machine Wireless Audit and Cashless Transaction***, filed November 26, 2003, please amend the application as follows: